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1. There were several guerrilla initiatives taken during the week including an attack on a military base and several bombings or attempted bombings in the capital and attacks on military units in the field which might suggest that the recent split between the PGT and the FAR is in fact beginning to result in a more militant posture on the part of the insurgents.
2. The most spectacular incident was the bazooka attack at about 1950 hours March 7 on the new military base at "Los Cipresales" in Zone 6 of the capital. Two soldiers were killed and some 25 were wounded, including the base commander (see GUAT 3626). While the identity of the attackers has not been definitely established it is presumed that the FAR was responsible. There have also been Army/guerrilla clashes reported in the highlands and there appears to be some pickup of activity in these usually quiet regions. An Army lieutenant was killed in an ambush in Coban and there was a clash in Siciltepequez, Dept. San Marcos, in which one member of the security forces and one unidentified insurgent were killed. (See list of incidents, enclosed.)
3. The initiative was by no means all with the insurgents, however, and the security forces scored one particularly good blow with the capture of two university students. They gave the police full confessions which the police taped and later played for newsmen (see separate message). Their testimony implicated a professor and several other students at San Carlos University and indicated that there were at least five other communist cells operating in the University.

Enclosure: List of Incidents

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4. Other incidents were not very numerous and included several bombs, the most important of which were at two capital bus stations, an attempted sabotage against the American-owned Empresa Elctrica, some more shootings and the location of one assassinated body near Rabinal, Alta Verapaz.

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- Feb. 29 - Police discover cache of arms and other material in house in Santiago Sacatepequez, Dept. Sacatepequez. Owner, PR member, Benedicto Ramirez, arrested.
- 29 - Minister of Government MANSILLA Pinto reports gunfight between security forces and unknown insurgent group near Trebol in capital. Security forces reported wounding one man who escaped. Vehicle insurgents had been in was abandoned and found to contain bombs and other weapons.
- March 1 - Homemade bomb exploded in vacant lot near German consulate causing ~~no~~ ^{no} damage.
- 1 - ~~Bomb exploded in vacant lot in Zone 10 causing damage~~
- 1 - Unidentified guerrilla and national policeman killed in big gunfight in Siciltepequez, Dept. San Marcos. Minister of Government MANSILLA Pinto announced that a number of persons had been captured but he did not reveal their names.
- 2 - Man shot at and wounded in San Cayetano, Ipala, Dept. Chiquimula. No motive known.
- 2 - Press reported PR secretary for Alta Verapaz, Oscar René Garcia taken from his Coban, Alta Verapaz, house by armed men in car with official plates. PR Secretary General Alberto Mendez used this incident as a touch stone in protesting GOG actions against PR members but Minister of Government MANSILLA Pinto denied Garcia had been taken by police. He has since reappeared, with the story that he was taken by "LaMano".
- 4 - Bombs placed at bus company buildings. One discovered and exploded harmlessly by army expert but one at Eureka lines in Zone 8 caused some damage and another at Escobar lines, Zone 12, caused slight damage.
- 5 - A device containing
/Thirteen sticks of dynamite found rigged to explode at American-owned Empresa Electrica plant at Villa Nueva. It was unarmed before it exploded. transmitting
5. - Police reveal confessions of 2 students, Jose Antonio ESTRADA Bolaños and Carlos Rafael Bourdet Sanchez. Both confessed to being members of FAR and implicated others including San Carlos professor Mario Raul Toledo. A warrant has been issued for Toledo's arrest.

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- March 5 - Body of unidentified man, shot, located near Rabinal in Alto Verapaz.
- 5 - Chief of Judicial Police GARCIA Gomez tells press LIFE EN ESPAÑOL will not be permitted to circulate in country because it repeatedly distorted the Guatemalan political situation.
- 6 - Army public relations bulletin reports army lieutenant killed in ambush 2 km. from Coban.
- 7 - Two bazooka rounds fired into new military base at "Los Cipresales" airport, Zone 6, killed 2 and wounded 25 soldiers. Base commander among wounded.
- 8 - Press reports 2 youths accused of subversive activity, Ricardo Ismael VALLECILLO Perez and Amanda MORALES, seeking asylum in Mexican Embassy. Reports not confirmed.

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